

Status of

Convention for the Strengthening  
of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna  
Commission Established by the 1949  
Convention Between the  
United States of America and the  
Republic of Costa Rica  
("Antigua Convention")

Adopted at the 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission on June 27, 2003  
and Opened for Signature at Washington on November 14, 2003 \*

State	Date of Signature	Date of deposit of instrument of Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA) or Accession (a)	Date of Entry into Force **
Belize		June 12, 2007 (a)	Aug. 27, 2010
Bolivia			
Canada	Dec. 22, 2004	June 3, 2009	Aug. 27, 2010
Chile			

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\* Opened for signature at Washington from November 14, 2003 until December 31, 2004 (Article XXVII). Note: in accordance with Article XXVIII (1), an instrument for the participation of the fishing entity Chinese Taipei in the Antigua Convention was signed on November 14, 2003 by the Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States and the fishing entity Chinese Taipei deposited, on August 17, 2010, a written communication to the Depositary expressing the firm commitment of Chinese Taipei to abide by the terms of the Antigua Convention and to comply with any conservation and management measures adopted pursuant thereto as well as to fulfill its obligations as a member of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Antigua Convention. This commitment became effective for Chinese Taipei on the date of entry into force of the Antigua Convention (Aug. 27, 2010), in accordance with Article XXVIII (2) thereof.

\*\* Fifteen (15) months after the deposit with the Depositary of the seventh instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession of the Parties to the 1949 Convention that were Parties to that Convention on the date this Convention was opened for signature; after the date of entry into force of this Convention, with respect to each State or regional economic integration organization that meets the requirements of Article XXVII or Article XXX, this Convention shall enter into force for said State or regional economic integration organization on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day following the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (Article XXXI (1) and (2)).

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China	Mar. 3, 2004	Oct. 30, 2009 (AA) <sup>1</sup>	Aug. 27, 2010
Colombia			
Costa Rica	Nov. 14, 2003	May 27, 2009	Aug. 27, 2010
Ecuador	Apr. 14, 2004		
El Salvador	May 13, 2004 <sup>2</sup>	Mar. 10, 2005 <sup>2</sup>	Aug. 27, 2010
France	Nov. 14, 2003	July 20, 2007 (AA)	Aug. 27, 2010
Guatemala	Jan. 6, 2004	Sept. 30, 2009	Aug. 27, 2010
Honduras			
Japan		July 11, 2008 (a)	Aug. 27, 2010
Kiribati		June 29, 2011 (a)	July 29, 2011
Republic of Korea		Dec. 13, 2005 (a)	Aug. 27, 2010
Mexico	Nov. 14, 2003	Jan. 14, 2005	Aug. 27, 2010
Nicaragua	Nov. 21, 2003 <sup>3</sup>	Dec. 13, 2006	Aug. 27, 2010
Panama		July 10, 2007 (a)	Aug. 27, 2010
Peru	Nov. 14, 2003		
United States	Nov. 14, 2003	Feb. 24, 2016	Mar. 25, 2016
Vanuatu			
Venezuela	May 12, 2004		

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Regional Economic Integration Organizations

European Community	Dec. 13, 2004	June 7, 2006 (AA)	Aug. 27, 2010
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<sup>1</sup> Statement accompanying the instrument of approval of the Convention by the People's Republic of China:

“In accordance with the *Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China* and the *Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China*, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that, unless otherwise notified, *the Convention* shall not apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.”

<sup>2</sup> Declaration made upon signature of the Convention by El Salvador:

“The Republic of El Salvador, in accordance with Article XVII, ‘RIGHTS OF STATES,’ of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (‘Antigua Convention’), issues the following interpretive declaration: (1) No clause of the above-referenced Convention may be interpreted in such a manner so as to impinge upon the rights of El Salvador in its marine and coastal zones, or in any other part of its territory, or in any way to imply a total or partial renunciation of its claims to maritime and insular zones and territories; (2) The Republic of El Salvador does not renounce, in whole or in part, its sovereignty and jurisdiction over, or rights to, territory, islands, inland waters, maritime spaces, or airspace that belong to it pursuant to its domestic legislation and international law; (3) The signing and entry into force of this Convention by States without coasts bordering the Eastern Pacific Ocean shall have no bearing on El Salvador's legal considerations with respect to the limits of its maritime spaces or maritime jurisdiction; and (4) It is the position of the Republic of El Salvador that any proposal, measure, draft, statement, law, or rules derived from the unilateral actions of one or more States to the detriment of its sovereignty and territorial rights and related to the application of provisions of the above-mentioned Antigua Convention may be rejected.”

“The Republic of El Salvador declares that it interprets Article XXVII(1)(d), ‘SIGNATURE,’ in reference to prior consultation with the Parties to the 1949 Convention, as meaning that if said Parties express unwillingness in this regard, this will prevent entry by the requesting State.”

“PROVISIONAL APPLICATION. “The Republic of El Salvador declares that with regard to Article XXXII, ‘PROVISIONAL APPLICATION,’ the provisions of its domestic legislation shall apply.” [Department of State translation]

The above declarations were included in El Salvador's instrument of ratification of the Convention.

<sup>3</sup> Declaration made upon signature of the Convention by Nicaragua:

“As it signs the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the Convention of 1949, known as the Antigua Convention, the Republic of Nicaragua issues the following interpretive declaration:

“1. None of the clauses of the above-mentioned Convention may be interpreted as in any way affecting or jeopardizing the rights of Nicaragua in its maritime and coastal zones, or in any other part of its territory, or as implying in any way a total or partial renunciation of its positions or claims with regard to maritime and insular zones and territories;

“2. The Republic of Nicaragua does not renounce, in whole or in part, its sovereignty and jurisdiction over, or rights to, its territory, islands, islets, cays, adjacent banks, inland waters, territorial sea, contiguous zone, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone, and air space vested in it by domestic and international law;

“3. The signature and entry into force of this Convention by non-Pacific coastal States does not in any way affect or jeopardize the stance or legal positions of Nicaragua with regard to the boundaries of its maritime spaces or its maritime jurisdiction, or in any way imply, directly or indirectly, any recognition of any claims they might have to specific maritime spaces.

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“4. The Republic of Nicaragua reserves the right to reject any proposal, measure, plan, declaration, law, or regulation derived from unilateral acts of one or more States.”  
[Department of State translation]

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Washington,